



Las Vegas Fire & Rescue Fire Prevention Division Information Sheet



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CLV Ordinance #6124

The items listed are basic information only. Codes are subject to change. Additional requirements may apply.

Vacant Premises

A vacant structure which is not secured against unauthorized entry shall be deemed unsafe. The owner, operator or occupant of a building or premises deemed unsafe by the fire code official shall abate or cause to be abated or corrected such unsafe conditions either by repair, rehabilitation, demolition or other approved corrective action. **IFC 110.1.1 & 110.4**

Buildings, structures and premises for which an owner cannot be identified or located by dispatch of a certificate of mailing to the last known or registered address, which persistently or repeatedly become unprotected or unsecured, which have been occupied by unauthorized persons or for illegal purposes, or which present a danger of structural collapse or fire spread to adjacent properties shall be considered abandoned, declared unsafe and abated by demolition or rehabilitation in accordance with the *International Property Maintenance Code* and the *International Building Code*. **IFC 311.1.1**

Exterior and interior openings accessible to other tenants or unauthorized persons shall be boarded, locked, blocked or otherwise protected to prevent entry by unauthorized individuals. The fire code official is authorized to placard, post signs, erect barrier tape or take similar measures as necessary to secure public safety. **IFC 311.2.1**

Sprinkler and standpipe systems including monitoring shall be maintained in an operable condition at all times. **SNFC 311.2.2**

Persons owning, or in charge or control of, a vacant building or portion thereof, shall remove therefrom all accumulations of combustible materials, flammable or combustible waste or rubbish and shall securely lock or otherwise secure doors, windows and other openings to prevent entry by unauthorized persons. The premises shall be maintained clear of waste or hazardous materials.

IFC 311.3

Any vacant or abandoned buildings or structures determined to be unsafe shall be marked with placards visible from the street. Placards shall be applied on the front of the structure; additional placards shall be applied to the side of each entrance to the structure. **IFC 311.5**

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